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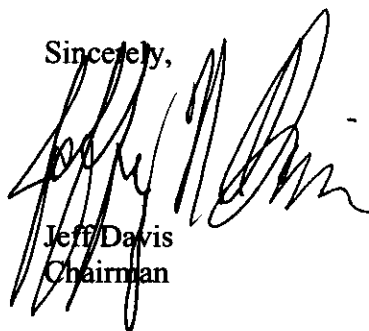
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RE: USF Certification Pursuant to 47 USC 254(e)  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

At this time, the Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC) hereby declines to certify that rural carriers, Cass County Telephone Company and New Florence Telephone Company, are using their high cost support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 USC § 254(e) 1996). The MoPSC continues to conduct further inquiry of these companies. Should the additional inquiry indicate the companies are using the funds in accordance with Section 254(e), the MoPSC will submit its certification letter at that time.

Sincerely,



Jeff Davis  
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